



# The Magazine

Williamsburg Chapter Virginia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution



*By signing the Declaration of Independence, the fifty-six Americans pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. Nine died of wounds during the Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned. Wives and children were jailed, mistreated, or left penniless. Twelve signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.*

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## President's Message

Compatriots,

We have almost completed another successful year. I will summarize many of our activities in my January 2020 column.

Our Veterans Day ceremony continues to be better each year. Tom Campbell and his team did an excellent job. VASSAR President Davenport laid a wreath and was very impressed with our efforts. The NASSAR meeting will be in Richmond July 10-16 of next year. There is a preliminary schedule on the NASSAR website. You can register for part or all of the meeting. There are also hotel reservation instructions on the VASSAR website. There have been problems with the reservation system and I finally used the 800 number to make mine. If the Marriott is sold out, the Richmond Hilton is the overflow hotel. The two hotels share a corner in Richmond. I highly encourage you to attend all or part of the meeting. It not only provides you with an opportunity to meet compatriots from all over the country but also to see what the national organization does.

One of the jobs the Williamsburg Chapter has been assigned is managing the bus trips to three plantations near us. For this, I still need six volunteers. I need two individuals to ride the buses from Richmond to plantations near Williamsburg and back to Richmond. This will be on Saturday July 11. Please send me an email if you are interested in this opportunity. I am having trouble getting volunteers which should not be happening with a chapter of our size.

Looking ahead, at 11:00 on December 7 there will be a ceremony remembering the Battle of Great Bridge in Chesapeake. This year it will be held in the new visitors center. There will be a lunch afterward which is also a good time to chat with members of other chapters as well as VASSAR officers. It is always good to remind ourselves that we are part of a larger organization. Finally, remember that our January meeting will be on the 18th at 6:00 since that is the best time for a VASSAR officer to swear in the 2020 officers.

Currently, President Davenport is scheduled to be there.



**I wish you and your family the very best of holidays. Bill**



# Calendar

Saturday December 7<sup>TH</sup>

11:00 am Battle of Great Bridge  
Great Bridge Battlefield Park  
Chesapeake

Monday December 9<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 am Board Meeting  
Williamsburg Library

Sunday December 15<sup>TH</sup>

Bill of Rights Day  
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Installation of 2020 Officers  
Saturday January 18<sup>TH</sup>

A joint dinner meeting with the  
Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter.  
Fords Colony Country Club  
Williamsburg



**DECEMBER** (AT LATEST)

Photos by Harley Stewart , James Hess,  
Lisa Cummings

## Chapter News



On October 28, 2019 Chapter President William Grea presented a NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal to Lt. Rick Wanamaker of the Williamsburg Police Department. This award is given by the SAR to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement and public safety. In the attachment from right to left, William Grea, Lt. Rick Wanamaker, and Chapter Secretary Roger Cross.



President William Grea presenting new members Joseph Cross Jr., Hunt Berryman, and Thomas Brockenbrough their Certificates of Membership with Registrar Ron Losee.

# EVENTS from our last meeting



President William Greif awarding Clifton Guertin a Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal – for Iwo Jima Memorial Park



President William Greif awarding Certificates of Appreciation to Color Guard Chair John Lynch, Treasurer Jim Hess, Sergeant-at-Arms Eric Ely, and New Member Mentor Richard Durst



President William Greif presenting Certificates of Distinguished Service to Past-President Tom Campbell and Vice-President Jay Smith



Registrar Ron Losee presenting Clifton Guertin with sand (volcanic ash) from Iwo Jima, donated by Marines from around the world.

## WHAT IS BILL of RIGHTS DAY ?

On December 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights was ratified and has since protected American citizens for 208 years. We should celebrate December 15 every year. By officially designating December 15 as Bill of Rights Day, we would be reminding our fellow citizens and younger generations of our heritage.



President William Greaf presenting a Martha Washington Certificate and Medal to WOSAR Jamie Smith.



President William Greaf presenting a Lydia Darragh Certificate and Medal to wife (and 1st Vice-Regent Williamsburg Chapter DAR) Elizabeth Greaf.



President William Greaf presenting a Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service to Secretary Roger Cross



President William Greaf and Vice-President Jay Smith presenting a Jefferson Cup and Certificate of Appreciation to speaker Paul Aron

## Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter Patriot Grave Marking, 11/16/2019



Gerald Runyon spoke on the biography of Matthew Anderson and provided an interesting history of his Revolutionary War service of long duration to and through one of the parallels at Yorktown.

A trumpeter, R. Brit Cory, played Taps and the two fifers and one drummer of the Yorktown Fifes and Drums led everyone outside through the cemetery and to the grave. Gerald Runyon then unveiled the Marker and made a few additional comments. Harley Stewart presented a wreath of the Williamsburg Chapter.

# VETERANS DAY

## COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG JOIN WITH THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO HONOR WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

During the recent Veterans Day celebrations, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation joined with the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to honor women in the military. This was indeed a community commemoration honoring women in the military. This special event was conducted at the Governor's Palace Revolutionary War Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, November 10, the day before Veterans Day. Women who have served and are actively serving to protect our nation were recognized and honored. Military women who participated in the program included; Major General Celia Adolphi (USA,Ret.), Col. Erin Cluff (USAF), LCDR Karen Sankes-Ritland, (USN); LTC Robin Phillips (USA, Ret.), and groups of WW II re-enactors from the 1<sup>st</sup> WAC Able Company.



Photographs of Compatriot Steve McGuffin, outstanding moderator and Compatriot Harley Stewart as he led the event in singing the National Anthem and "God Bless America" during the program.



Photographs of Compatriot Tom Campbell as he introduced the Revolutionary Flag process and the SAR Color Guard along with the CW Fife and Drum.



Photograph of Compatriot John Lynch, SAR Color Guard Captain, and SAR volunteers Compatriot Bob Davis and Compatriot Eric Ely (blocked in the photograph).

Photograph of the WW II re-enactors as they participated in the program.



Photographs of Maj. Gen. Celia Adolphi (Ret.), LTC Robin Phillips (Ret.) and LTC Alish Hamel (Ret.) as they attended the event



Photographs of LCDR Karen Sankes-Ritland (keynote speaker) as she speaks during the Veterans Day Event in Colonial Williamsburg and Katharine Pittman, Nation Builder and re-enactor of Martha Washington along with Rev. Jan Brown of Bruton Parish Church.

In addition, as conducted each year by the SAR during Veterans Day, patriots buried in the Revolutionary War Cemetery were honored as the 'forgotten patriots' who fought during the siege of Yorktown and died of battle wounds and/or sickness and buried in the Palace cemetery in 1781. Boy Scouts from Troop 1932 participated in this part of the program.



Photographs of Boy Scout Colin Devlin (Troop 1932) along with Jeremy Morris (CW) carrying the flag for the Rhode Island Regiment and Boy Scout Logan Harshbargeth (Troop 1932) carrying the 5<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment flag.

Photos by Lisa Cummings



Boy Scout Quinn Connor (Troop 1932) carrying the Grand Union flag along with Boy Scout Jacob Davenport Durant carrying the New Hampshire Revolutionary War flag.



Boy Scout Chris Baller, (Troop 1932) carrying the Fleur de Lis for the French Allies during the Revolutionary War.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Battle of Great Bridge



Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways  
Park 1775 Historic Way, Chesapeake, VA  
23320

Annual

Commemoration of the  
Battle of Great Bridge  
The formal NSSAR  
Commemoration of the  
Battle of Great Bridge  
will start at 11:00 am  
Saturday, December 7,  
2019, in Great Bridge  
Battlefield Park.

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Williamsburg Sons of the American Revolution Chapter  
Installation of officers on January 18<sup>th</sup> at Fords Colony Country Club  
6 pm



| 2020 Elected Officers |                |                        |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| President             | Roger Cross    | Chaplain               | Jim Morford       |
| Vice President        | Steve McGuffin | Newsletter Editor      | Dave Westenberger |
| Secretary             | Duncan McIver  | Sergeant-at-Arms       | Tom Hale          |
| Treasurer             | Jim Hess       | At-Large Board Members |                   |
| Public Relations      | Harley Stewart | Bill Greaif            |                   |
| Registrar             | Ron Losee      | Jeff Wooldridge        |                   |
| Historian             | Milt Holt      | Richard Snyder         |                   |



# Chapter to Create a New Committee

Your SAR Board of Managers has determined to create a new committee under the working title of Compatriots Care. The purpose is to have a system whereby the Chapter will be able to reach out to members who may be ill and to bereaved families whenever a compatriot has passed away.

Many organizations - religious, professional and fraternal - have visitation committees charged with identifying and contacting members who are missing due to illness, lack of mobility, life challenges, or for other reasons. Within our chapter we have members who from time to time face health issues and other matters that limit or even prohibit active participation in Chapter events. In the past we have all too often learned by word of mouth, sometimes belatedly, of a member who has passed or is ill. As a result we may often be unaware of events involving a member where a contact from the Chapter would be appropriate.

This new committee will seek to develop a system that will alert the Chapter whenever get well wishes, an expression of sympathy or some other action might be appropriate. Another role that might be assumed by this committee would be to contact members who have simply become inactive. They might be contacted just to let them know that they are valued members and their fellow compatriots care about them.

While it is not anticipated that the committee need be a large one, if you would be interested in serving on it or becoming a volunteer visitor please contact SAR Chaplain Jim Morford at:

[morfordjc@gmail.com](mailto:morfordjc@gmail.com).

## " Speakers Wanted"



Seeking your assistance and hopefully possible input for our monthly meetings. If you have heard or know of a speaker who you think the membership (and guests) would be interested in hearing at one of our luncheons next year, please contact Steve McGuffin at [mcguffis@gmail.com](mailto:mcguffis@gmail.com). Your serious interest and potential response to this matter will be greatly appreciated!

# Take due NOTICE

We have a large percentage of members that have not paid their 2020 dues yet. At this point, you should have received 2 email notices regarding dues from our Secretary, Roger Cross. If you have not seen these emails, please contact Roger Cross (757-869-6303) or Jim Hess (757-220-2924) immediately and they will assist you. Dues for Regular members is \$81. Dues for out of state Dual or Emeritus or Life members is \$46. Again, if you need clarification on which membership category you are, contact Roger or Jim.

Your dues are the life blood of our organization; when you read about all the wonderful, patriotic programs that they support, you should appreciate that you are getting “a big bang for your buck”. We SAR members are a small group of men whose ancestors sacrificed much to the founding of a free nation and to whom we pledge “to reaffirm our faith in our principles of freedom and our constitutional republic”.

We have approaching December deadlines for reporting 2020 membership to VASSAR. Unpaid members after the deadline must be dropped from SAR. While reinstatement is possible, it is a drawn out process and causes additional work for both your chapter and VASSAR.

So, if you have not paid your dues for 2020, **please do so as soon as possible**. Please send your 2020 dues to Jim Hess at the address shown below.



James Hess, Treasurer  
2509 Nathaniel Powell Road  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
Phone: 757-220-2924

Email: [jimhess42@gmail.com](mailto:jimhess42@gmail.com)



The video this month is about the Battle of Trenton in December 1776.  
Very descriptive narration and most worthy of a mouse click . . .

Click the link

<https://youtu.be/HeF8xwnngoE>



*"It is with deep sorrow that I must inform you that long time Williamsburg Chapter SAR member James (Jim) Harris, Jr, 88, passed away on October 18, 2019."*

*He was a member of the Virginia National Guard, worked for the Virginia State Highway Department as an investigator, and was the business owner of a large textile processing plant in Toano, Va in the 1970's. His avocation was history and genealogy and, as such, he was a lifelong researcher and valued reference for many genealogical and historical organizations. On a personnel note, he routinely provided me with information on the history of King William and King and Queen counties where my Patriot lived, when I would see him at chapter meetings.*

*Please keep his family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to the address shown below, if you would like. His brother-in-law, Fred Satterwhite, is a member of the Williamsburg Chapter.*

*The Family of James Harris  
9619 Haveridge Ct  
Midlothian, VA 23112*

*Roger Cross, Secretary*



## SAR Special Notice



## Rassle Dazzle Jewelry Sale



10%  
Discount  
To SAR  
Veterans



The members of the Williamsburg Chapter, NSDAR, are hosting a pre-owned **Costume Jewelry** sale all during the **month of December**. The jewelry will be beautifully displayed at the Williamsburg Jewelry store located at 2023 Richmond Rd, Suite E, Williamsburg, VA 23185 (right next door to Anna's Brick Oven Pizza). (757) 206-1100.

Mike Fagan, the owner, will show you the DAR display table where all jewelry is \$5 each or 5 pieces for \$20. Great for stocking stuffers, ornaments on gifts, something nostalgic that brings back memories or "just because". NOTE: He has diamonds too!

Mr. Fagan will artfully display the jewelry pieces, will sell, collect money and present 100% of the earnings to us in full. All proceeds will benefit **Women's Veteran's Programs**.

Gentlemen of SAR : You are invited to come and enjoy a "men's only" shopping day. You can buy something for your special someone on December 13 (a lucky day) from 2 to 4 p.m. Ladies can come in ahead of time and leave a "wish" list with owner, Mike Fagan. Charity Table for jewelry sale, Dec 1-31, come in anytime, but hope to see you on the 13th, light refreshments will be served. Where: Williamsburg Jewelry, 2023 Richmond Rd, Suite E, Williamsburg, VA 23185 · (757) 206-1100. 100% of funds will go towards Women's Veteran's Programs. Questions, please call Virginia Lee, (757) 221-6686.



A painting showing Nancy Hart, the Revolutionary War-era inspiration for the Civil War militia, killing British forces who had invaded her home.

# Battle of Trenton

December 26  
1776



The Capture of the Hessians at Trenton, December 26, 1776 is the title of an oil painting by the American artist John Trumbull depicting the capture of the Hessian soldiers at the Battle of Trenton on the morning of Thursday, December 26, 1776 during the American Revolutionary War. The focus is on General George Washington aiding the mortally wounded Hessian Colonel Johann Gottlieb Rall. Nearly 900 Hessians were captured at the battle. It is one of Trumbull's series of historical paintings on the war, which also includes the Declaration of Independence and The Death of General Mercer at the Battle of Princeton, January 3, 1777. The painting is on view at the Yale University Art Gallery in New Haven, Connecticut.

The artist intended to show the compassion of General George Washington in this painting, as he wrote in the catalogue for his exhibited works at Yale University in 1835

# Williamsburg 2019 Chapter Officers



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|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|
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## NO CHAPTER MEETING IN DECEMBER

Our next meeting will be a joint dinner held on Saturday, January 18th at 6 pm with the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter for the installation of 2020 officers at the Fords Colony Country Club in Williamsburg. Further details will be in the January newsletter.

Wishing everyone a safe happy holiday season and a GREAT New Year!



# SAR APPAREL

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BLUE/WHITE/TAN TIE EXTRA LONG

\$40.00



0686

SAR RED LOGO TIE

\$35.00



0688

SAR RED BOW TIE

\$35.00



0690

NAVY SAR LOGO TIE

\$35.00



0928

Personalized Name Badge (Name Tag) - Pocket Attachment Nametag

\$25.00

There has been confusion on how to add this item to the cart. There is a statement that says "I understand personalized items are not refundable" that has a small box after it on the bottom of the page where the personalized items are added. You must click that box before the "ADD PERSONALIZED ITEM TO CART" button will become active. Unless you click the box agreeing that Personalized Items are not refundable, the item can not be added to the cart.

SHOWING ONLY A SMALL SAMPLE OF THEIR EXTENSIVE INVENTORY

SAR apparel is available on our National SAR WEB site

<https://store.sar.org/category/sar-apparel>